

**Proposed Substitute  
Bill No. 6797**

LCO No. 5885

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF NATUROPATHY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Section 20-34 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2       following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3       (a) The practice of naturopathy means the science, art and practice  
4       of healing by natural methods as recognized by the Council of  
5       Naturopathic Medical Education and that comprises diagnosis,  
6       prevention and treatment of disease and health optimization by  
7       stimulation and support of the body's natural healing processes, as  
8       approved by the State Board of Naturopathic Examiners, with the  
9       consent of the Commissioner of Public Health, and shall include (1)  
10      counseling; (2) the practice of the [mechanical and material] physical  
11      sciences of healing as follows: [The mechanical sciences such as  
12      mechanotherapy] Corrective exercise therapy for rehabilitation,  
13      articular manipulation, [corrective and orthopedic gymnastics,]  
14      physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, electrotherapy and phototherapy; and  
15      the [material] sciences such as nutrition, dietetics, phytotherapy,  
16      treatment by natural substances and external applications; (3) ordering  
17      diagnostic tests and other diagnostic procedures as such tests and  
18      procedures relate to the practice of [mechanical and material] physical  
19      sciences of healing as described in subdivision (2) of this subsection; (4)

20 ordering medical devices and durable medical equipment; and (5)  
21 removing ear wax, spirometry, tuberculosis testing and venipuncture  
22 for blood testing.

23 (b) For purposes of subsection (a) of this section, "natural  
24 substances" means substances that are not narcotic substances, as  
25 defined in subdivision (30) of section 21a-240, do not require the  
26 written or oral prescription of a licensed practitioner to be dispensed  
27 and are only administered orally.

28 Sec. 2. (*Effective October 1, 2015*) On or before February 1, 2016, the  
29 Department of Public Health, in consultation with the State Board of  
30 Naturopathic Examiners, established pursuant to section 20-35 of the  
31 general statutes, shall submit a report, in accordance with the  
32 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing  
33 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
34 relating to public health concerning the scope of practice for  
35 naturopaths. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to,  
36 recommendations to (1) expand the scope of practice for naturopaths  
37 to include prescribing, dispensing and administering certain drugs,  
38 and (2) corresponding educational and examination requirements or  
39 other qualifications to allow for such expansion of the naturopaths'  
40 scope of practice.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	20-34
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section